

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

Such voltages can be made available in multiplexed FLC large panel displays or in liquid crystal on silicon (LCOS) devices so devices may be aligned, and if necessary restored in situ. This offers a new route to bistable switching, other than the conventional methods of either ~~sheer~~ shear alignment (which is not applicable to display manufacture) or cooling down to the smectic C phase via nematic and smectic A phases.